

# To: Bicycle event participants

## From: King County Road Services

### **Ride and drive safely**

Safety should be the #1 priority for all travelers on the road. That means following the rules, keeping calm in traffic and paying attention.

### **Remember to respect communities**

Most participants on recreational bicycle rides are visitors to suburban and rural King County communities. As visitors, it's important to respect these communities, making events more pleasant for both the visitors and the hosts.

Keep in mind that although roads are public space, not everyone who is using the road on the day of an event is traveling for recreation. There are people who need to get to work on time, seek medical attention, keep delivery schedules and run important errands. Thank you for considering their needs and sharing the road.

### **Cascade Bicycle Club's Ride SMART tips:**

- **Stay alert:** watch for cars, other riders, and hazards - momentary inattention is the number one cause of accidents. Never ride with earphones or earbud(s). Pull off and stop when using a cell phone.
- **Move off the road when stopping:** after signaling, pull completely off the road or trail to let cars and riders pass; do not block driveways or intersections. Reenter the road after looking both ways.
- **Act like a car – obey all traffic laws:** stop at stop signs, and use hand and voice signals.
- **Retain space between yourself and others:** leave enough room to dodge obstacles; adjust your safety zone to fit conditions.
- **Tell others when passing and pass on left.**